

District Network Meeting

Announcements and Updates: November 8, 2012

Math and Science Partnership Grant 2013-2014

The Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is seeking LEAs who will partner with an Institute of Higher Education (IHE) to participate in two partnerships: one for mathematics; one for science. The two projects will improve K-12 mathematics and science student learning and mathematics and science instruction by implementing high-quality professional learning; collaborating and coordinating with one another and RIDE to bring coherence and consistency to its school improvement efforts, specifically in mathematics and science and by producing exemplar online modules to support all Rhode Island Educators.

- Participate in high-quality, intensive, face-to-face summer professional development and follow-up professional development sessions focusing on the intersection of practices and content in mathematics and/or the intersection of the scientific and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and disciplinary core ideas in science
- Incorporate learning from training into instruction of mathematics and/or science practices.
- Agree to have some educators be videotaped during training and during instruction.
- Agree to have all mathematics and science teachers who were did not participate in the intensive summer PD participate in the online modules the following school year (2014-2015)

LEA Partners:

To be eligible for a MSP grant award, an applicant LEA must demonstrate a need for improvement in student mathematics or science performance. Preference will be given to LEAs who demonstrate high-need status or partnerships including at least one high-need district. Applicants are encouraged to partner with other districts for collaboration and shared best practices.

Anticipated timelines:

- LEA application available week after Thanksgiving (11/26/12)
- LEA application due December 6th, 2012
- Notice of awards will be given by December 20th, 2012
- LEA's work with RIDE to identify IHE January 30th, 2013
- IHE's notified by March 2013
- Intensive summer PD: Summer of 2013
- Follow-up PD sessions and videotaping: First semester of 2012-2014 school year
- Build and populate online courses: Summer of 2013- Summer of 2014
- Online courses available: 2014-2015 School year

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Interim Assessments Update

- Testing is underway across the state. The new window is from 11/1 – 11/27. This longer window will hopefully garner more participation, while reports from this administration will be available in early January.
 - Anyone with problems during testing or with the testing system or student software should contact Measured Progress's helpdesk directly (mptechhelp@measuredprogress.org or 1-855-222-8936, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- Scoring Training:
 - Online modules for scoring Math and ELA constructed-response items will be available soon via the IMS. They use Interim Assessment items, but are open and applicable to all educators.
 - In-Person PD: We will offer in-person professional development on best scoring practices and data interpretation of the Interims three times this year, with the first occurring in late January. The audience is teachers. This will be a full day training for approximately 50 people at each session, with sessions for elementary and middle/high school. More information, including registration information, will be forthcoming.
- Reminder: The Test Construction Tool will be available at the end of January for grades 3-11 in ELA and Math. Educators will be able to create their own tests. They will be required to score all of the constructed-response items locally, as well as scan any paper answer sheets into the system. Science and Social Studies are slated to be available for the next school year (SY13-14).

Social Studies Updates

- On November 1, the new GSEs strands in Economics and Geography, and the expansion to the Historical Perspectives strand were approved by the Board of Regents. RI's Social Studies GSEs now include strands in: Civics & Government, Historical Perspectives/R.I. History, Economics, and Geography. The new strands have been posted at www.ride.ri.gov/Instruction/civics.aspx.
- Social Studies items for the Interim Assessments test construction tool will use the RI Social Studies GSEs and will begin development starting this fall.